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Abstract

Viking women in Boats - some examples from western Norway

This presentation will discuss some rich female boat burials in western Norway and highlight the importance women played during the Viking Age. These burials are remarkable in many ways (e.g. Sørheim 2011; Øye 2015; Westlye 2019). They derive from areas rich in available resources. Amongst the burial goods are objects associated with textile production, food, drink, and formal hospitality, as well as an unusually high number of insular imports. However, there are also objects associated with magic and sorcery, such as iron staffs and certain liquid containers.